

Art Unit: 2833

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The rear side of the plugging protruding member 12 is plugged in the front opening 11A and the front side projects forwardly from the front opening 11A to form a projecting plug section. The periphery of the plug section is a plugging face for the mating connector or the receptacle connector 30. The sectional shape of the front periphery of the plugging protruding members 12 taken along ~~with the~~ a plane perpendicular to the plugging direction includes a rectangular or square section in which its width is greater than its height and a ~~circle~~ circular section with its diameter being greater than the height of but smaller than the width of the rectangular section, which ~~are overlapped with each other.~~ The circular section overlaps the central portion of the rectangular section. Accordingly, the plugging protruding member 12 contains a square tubular portion 13 and a cylindrical portion 14.--